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PAPERS RELATING TO THE COLLEGE.[1]

Letter from T. B. Smith.

Sir:

As I was instrumental in git the surveyor's place of this county[2] for William Pettit I think it is my duty to inform the masters of William and Mary College that the said Pettit is not worth a shilling and the Late Reverend Mr. Tickle hath no Estate in this colony, who, I understand, was one of his suretys, and the other, as I am informed, died insolvent.

I had the promis of the Reverend Messrs. Yates and Fox that I should have the place when vacant, and I Relinquish to Pettit, but I don't Now solicit for Self nor no other Pearson.

I am Sr. yr mo obt Hble Servt,

T. B. SMITH.

27 February, 1773.

N. B.—Mr. Richard Chapman, who married a Daughter of Mary Majr, Sent to me to be informed what I could Say in Relation to one Jos. Majr who had died in Brittan or Some Distant country as you may better inform your Self in the Virginia Gazt. which me[ntions] an estate Belonging to two Daughters of his, I told Mr. Chapman I verily believed there was a mistake in the name, and that it was the Daughter of William Majr, and I am mistaken the said Jos. Majr died in Virginia or Meriland and the estate is in England.

Yours ut Suprar,

T. B. SMITH.

(Addressed: To The Reverend Mr. John Dickson.[3] Endorsed: May, 1771, January, 1773.)

Thomas Gwatkins' Receipt.

May 9th, 1770.

Recede of John Blair, Esqr., the sum of twenty pounds sterling, being the allowance paid to me from the College of

[1] These papers are selected from manuscripts preserved at the College.

[2] Northampton County.

[3] Rev. John Dixon, rector of Trinity Church, Matthews County, till 1770, and afterwards professor of divinity in the College.

William and Mary upon account of my journey from England as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the said College. THO. GWATKIN.

£20 at 15 p C^{t}. £23.

The Vineyard Land.[4]

Gentlemen:

Be pleased to make a deed in fee simple for ye vineyards lands to Mr. John Bryan, which said lands I purchased of the College at public auction in the summer of 1785.

I am y^{r} most ob^{t} Ser^{vt},

JAS. JONES.

To the president and professors of William and Mary College—Jany 7th, 1791.

Letter from Richard Stith.

Brunswick, October 24, 1772.

Reverend Sirs:

Here, I have been informed of your Advertisement in the Gazette requiring the Surveyors to give new Bonds; to which I pay all Respect: my business cannot allow me the time now to appear at the College, but demands my return to Bedford, I having already Advertised for Surveying; but have wrote a Bond and procured Securities here (inclosed), which is intended to please, but if it is not such a Bond as is required, you'll please to send one to me in Bedford (good opportunities now) and I will execute it and return it safe.

I am, Reverend Sirs, your most oblig'd and most obedient H^{ble} Servant,

RICHARD STITH.

(Endorsed)

To the Reverend the President and the Masters and Professors of William and Mary College at Williamsburg.

Bedford: Rich^{d}. Stith Oct. 24th, 1772.

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[4] Near Fort Magruder, east of Williamsburg. Here, just before the Revolution, Andrew Esclave, a Frenchman, had a public station for experiment in vine-raising. In 1784 this land was given by the Legislature, with much other land, to the College.

Dr. William Small's Accounts.[5]

Dr. Wm. Small, in acct with Wm. & Mary College:

1758	Novr 13	To Cash	£25		
1759	Apl 26	Do pd Col. Tucker for wine	12	12	6
	May 30	Do	30		
	Decr 10	Do	10		
1760	Feby 27	Do	14	16	2
	May 1	Do pd Jas. Blair, ℔ his order	1	2	9
	May 6	Do	100		
1761	Feby 24	Do	100		
	March 25	Do pd Josiah Chowning, ℔ order.	3	12	
	April 3	Do	10		
	June 3	Do pd Mrs. Shields, ℔ order	5	15	
1762	Decr 8	Do	150		
	June 12	Do	40		
1763	Feby 3	Do retained what he rec'd one of the surveyors	50	14	6
	8	Do	20		
	March 25	To Servant's board 2 years	10		
1764	Feby 7	Cash	37		
			£620	12	11
	Apl 10	Do	100		
	Apl 28	Do	10		
	Septr 15	To Washing 5 years & 345 days at 50s ℔ annum	14	17	3
			£745	10	2
	Balance due to Mr. Small		88	8	10
			£833	19	0

[5] Dr. William Small was the celebrated professor of Natural Philosophy. He remained in Virginia from 1758 to 1764, when he returned to England. In 1767 he purchased for the College an elaborate physical apparatus, for which this account shows he was paid £50. He died at Birmingham in 1775.

Contra.

1759	March 25	By Salary at 80 l. Stg. p An. 171 days at 25 ℘ Ct.	£46	17	
1760	Do	Do a year at 40	112		
1761	Do	Do Do Do at 80 l. Stg. 142 days & £100 Stg., 223 days	128	17	6
1762	March 25	Salary a year at 100 l. Stg. 50 ℘ Ct.	150		
1763	Do	Do 60 Ct.	160		
1764	Do	Do 20 Ct.	160		
	Septr 15	Do 174 days	76	4	6
			833	19	0
1767	by Balance ℘ contra		£88	8	10
	Exch^a. at 25 ℘ Ct deducted		17	13	9
	Sterling		£70	15	1
	By allowance by Visitors for his trouble in purchasing the apparatus		50		
			£120	15	1

1767 Decr 23d.

N. B. The acct: stated in Coll. Ledger is erroneous to the prejudice of Mr. Small before L. Day, 1763, of £17.15 0 Ct. Money & sinse, do of 8 9 1¾

in all £26 4 1¾

December

Dr. P. & Los.....	£17	15	0
Salaries	£ 8	9	3¾
Cr. Mr. Wm. Small..	£26	4	3¾

Portion of Physical Apparatus, Purchased by Dr. William Small in 1767.[6]

Brought forwards	£178	10	0
The Fountain Experiment in Vacuo &c. in open air with a Bason &c.	3	3	0
A Lung's Glass		10	6
The Barometer Exper[t]		15	0
Wire Cage for breaking Glasses with 6 brass caps with Valves	1	11	6
Plates for Attraction & Cohesion	0	15	0
A Pendulum to swing in Vacuo	2	2	0
A Set of Glasses for the Air Pump	3	13	6
6 Pound of Quicksilver	1	4	0
A Dipping Needle Compass 9 Inches Diam. with Needles for the Dip	15	15	0
A Horizont[l] needle with a center Pin Work for it to stand on for the variation	0	18	0
	£208	17	6
Brought over	£208	17	6
a monichord	4	4	0
A machine for the Resistance of the Air according to M[r]. Robinson	3	13	6
A Standard Barometer	2	12	6
The 5 Platonic Bodies	1	5	0
A Cone dissected	0	12	0
To Packing all the above	2	0	0
Peter Dolland			
The Acromatic Telescope with a Triple Object Glass 3½ feet focus, two Eye Tubes for Astronomy & one for Day Objects	15	15	0
A best double microscope &c.	7	7	0
A Solar Microscope with Apparatus	5	10	0
The Reflecting mirror a true parallel Glass			
	£251	16	6

[6] This apparatus was said to be the best on the continent. The above is a copy of a folded sheet of paper in Dr. Small's handwriting, representing a part of the purchase.

Brought forward	£251	16	6
A 12 Inch Concave Mirror, a flat Mirror	4	0	0
A 6 Inch Concave Mirror		15	0
5 Lenses of different Sorts in Frames	3	10	0
2 best Prisms	3	0	0
A Water Prism	2	5	0
A Set of small Prisms in a Case	1	11	6
Two Specula on a Frame to shew a number of Reflexions	1	5	0
3 Parall: Glasses 2 Inch: Diam. for taking the Sun's Altitude in Mercury	0	6	0
A Square Par: Glass 6 Inch: Diam. in a Frame	1	1	0
An Object Glass for shewing the Rings of colors to be us'd with the Plane Glass	1	11	6
A Square Mahogany Tube with an Object Glass & a Number of Eye Glasses to shew the Direction of the Rays of Light in Eye Glasses	2	12	6
Packing the above	0	5	0
	£273	19	0
Brought over	£273	19	0
Edwd. Nairne.[7]			
An Electrical Machine	10	15	0
A Glass Jarr	2	8	0
5 Glass Syphons		7	6
A Model in Glass to show the manner of Intermitting & Reciprocating Springs	2	14	0
17 Capillary Tubes		6	6
2 Glass Models of Pumps	4	4	0
2 Glass Parallal Plains		18	0
A Glass Jarr, for the Hydrostatic Balance, the Screw, wheel & Axle Compound & other Levers & Weights, Wedges & Weights, Pullies & Weights & ye 6th Mechanic Power, all fix on 2 Brass Pillars	20	7	0
A Brass Circular Carriage	3	8	0
A Mahogany inclin'd Plane wth a Quadr^{t} which sets			

[7] Edward Nairne was a famous maker of physical apparatus.

to any Angle wth Scale & Nest of weights 164^{oz} Troy	4	16	0
Dr. Barker's Mill	4	4	0
An Instrument to try the Force of falling Bodies	3	17	0
	£332	4	0

Letter from George West.

Loudoun County, October 25th, 1772.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed I send you the Acco^{t} of Surveyors Fees due the College for Fairfax and Loudoun Countys, the ballance you'll receive by the bearer M^{r}. John Thornton, being disappointed of seeing Col^{o}. Washington before he set off to Williamsburg.

The other day I saw your Advertisement in the Gazette of the 8th of this Inst. requiring all Surveyors who doubted your right to 1/6 part of Private Surveys to give new Bonds by the 15th of November next.

I cannot possibly conceive the meaning of it, as I always understood that every Surveyor appointed by the College gave Bond to the Masters thereof for 1/6 part of all the Surveys made by them in the Countys whereof they were Surveyors. Such Bonds I have heretofore executed, and have made remittances accordingly, and have not only restricted myself to the Countys whereof I am Surveyor but have accounted with the College for 1/6 part of private Surveys made in other Countys & in Maryland, which you may see by examining the Acc^{ts} sent you before. But should you Gent^{n} think it necessary to give new Bonds, if you'll be pleased to send them up by Col^{o}. Washington, or any other Gent^{n}. I shall be always ready to execute them in the Courts of those Countys you have been pleased to depute & continue me the Surveyor,

I am Gent^{n}, your most Obliged, and Hm^{ble} Servant,

GEORGE WEST.[8]

[8] Brother of Rev. William West. He married (1) Ann Fowke Alexander; (2) Penelope Payne. He died about 1786. See *West Family, Quarterly*, X., 65, 66.

If you want the particular surveys mentioned in the inclosed Acco[t] I shall be greatly obliged to M[r]. Millar to inform me by M[r]. Thornton, or at any time should it be necessary for me to do surveying for the Coll. Interest to be informed by Letter.

(Addressed)

To M[r]. Robert Millar, Bursar of W[m]. & Mary College, Williamsburg.

By fav[r] of M[r]. John Thornton.

(Endorsed)

Loundoun & Fauquier, George West, Oct[r] 25th. 1772.

John Blair's Account.[9]

Dr the College of William and Mary in Account with John Blair, Esqr., Cr.

1766	Sept. 25	To Hire of Negro Nanny from March 25th, 1743, to this Day, being 23½ years at £6 ℔ Annum	£141	0	0
1769	March 25	To Cooper's Work from March 25th, 1746, to this Day, being 23 years at £4 ℔ Ann.	92	0	0
			233	0	0
	(Per Contra)				
1746	March 25	By 3 year's Hire of Nanny at £5 ℔ Annum	£15	0	0
1749	June 24	By paid Mr. Robinson for Schooling	3	17	9
1750	Dec. 7	By paid the Rev[d] William Dawson	5	0	0
1751	July	By paid " "	5	0	0
1753	Dec[r] 29	By paid M[r]. Robinson for Schooling	6	8	9
1760	March 13	By Cash for Cooper's Work, rec[d] of my son	2	0	0
1761	April 26	By paid M[r]. Robinson for Schooling	5	2	0

[9] Hon. John Blair, who wrote this paper, was president of the Virginia Council, and nephew of President James Blair.

1762	April 13	By paid Mr. Graham for Schooling	5	0	0
1762	May 6	By Cash	10	0	0
1763	August 17	by Do rec'd of Ben. Cocke for Saml. Harwood's Board	16	5	0
1765	Jany 19	By Cash	8	2	6
.....	22	By Honl. W. Nelson's Acct discounted	22	16	0
.....		By Major Travis's Order	23	7	6
....	March 28	By Cash to G. Davenport for Bland ye Bricklayer	13	2	1
1766	May 2	By Cash paid Major Travis's Accot	9	10	10
....	October 8	By James Craig, allowed his Accot.	18	8	3
1767	June 17	By Cash paid Mr. Aitcheson for Rum	6	12	6
1768	May 7	By Cash paid Griffin, Assignee of Laughton, who had an Accot agt Warrington	12	0	0
		By Balance	£45	6	4
			£233	0	0

(Endorsed)

J. Blair, Esqr., his Accot. with the College, 1769.

College Negroes

A List of Negroes at College: Winkfield, Daniell, Dick—almost a invalid, pompey, Adam, Nedd, old Lucy—a invalid; old Kate, a invalid; Nanny, a invalid; Effy—not much Better.

Negroes Hired outt: Lemon, James, Letty, Charlott, Frankey, Betty and two Berrels. Mr. Bellinis three—Molly, Mass and Lucy.

(Endorsed.) List of Negroes at College.

Account with William Spratley.[10]

College to Wm. Spratley, Dr.

1765	Decr. 7.	To 331 ll. Beef @ 2½d	£3	8	11½
1766	March 3.	To 51 Mutton @ 6d	1	5	6
	April 11.	To fish	0	0	6
	26.	To fish		1	3
			£4	16	2½

Sir, Please to pay the above amount. To Mr. John Blair.
M. Garrett, August 11, 66.
June 11, 1767, Recd. the above Contents. Wm. Spratley.

Edmund Pendleton's Account.[11]

Dr. The College of William & Mary . . . Cr.

1773.	Octr.	To Thomas Reade for ½ fee.....	£1	5	
1774.	May.	Fee ℔ Sherif for Throckmorton....	2	10	
		.....	3	15	
		June 4. To Cash for Ball	£10	9	4
1773.	Octr.	By Richd. Hardy ½ fee & Tax (Isle of Wight)	£1	7	6
1774.	Apl.	Frans. Tyler do 27.6. tobo. costs 12.6 Hampshire	2		
		Samuel Clayton do do Culpeper....	2		
		Edmd. Taylor do do Mecklenb'g..	2	15	
		Thos. Munford do do Amelia.....	2	15	
	June.	Isaac Reade for his accot., he to pay costs	3	6	8
		E Error. EDMd PENDLETON.	14	4	2

(Endorsed) College with E. PENDLETON, June, 1774.

[10] William Spratley lived at Archer's Hope on James River, near Jamestown Island. He was the grandson of John Spratley, of Surry County, and Mary Cocke, daughter of William Cocke. John Spratley died in 1728, and names in his will his grandchildren William, John and Eliza Spratley; Mary Saunders, daughter of kinsman Robert Saunders, of Williamsburg, wife (2nd wife) Phillis. William Spratley was a member of the Committee of Safety for James City County in 1774. Miss Margaret Garrett was housekeeper at the College.

[11] In the handwriting of Mr. Pendleton.

Letter of Thomas Lewis, of Augusta.

Augusta County, Octr 15th, 1777.

Si^{r},

I transmit your ℔ favor of Sampson Mathews, Esq., the sum of eighty pounds to satisfie an unsettled acc^{t} with the Colledge of W^{m}. & Mary as Surveyor of this County it was not in my power to send you a just State of my accounts in this respect since my last settlement—haveing never been able to bring the two late Sherifs to an Account—but the Sum sent you is more than sufficient for any Demands against me on ye above account be pleased to send a Receipt for this sum under the above circumstances.

I am Sr Your very Humble Ser^{t} Thos Lewis.[12]

Expenses against the Brafferton fund.[13]

1773.
Nov^{r}
5th

Cloathing for the Ingen Boys.

24 yards of Green Pleans	2	1d....	2 10	
3 Doz. of Large buttans		4½d....		1½
6 Doz. small buttans		2d....		1
22½^{yd} Osnabrugs		8¼d....	15	6
3 pear of Showe buckels		6½d....	1	7½
3 Do of Knie buckls				
3 Hatts	1	6	4	6

[12] Thomas Lewis was the son of John Lewis, who came to Virginia from Ireland in 1732. Thomas Lewis was a brother of General Andrew Lewis and served in the different Revolutionary conventions of Virginia, and in the convention which ratified the present Federal Constitution.

[13] This fund was derived from the estate of Hon. Robert Boyle, and consisted of £4,000 sterling, invested in a manor in Yorkshire, known as the Brafferton. By decree of the Chancery Court of England, after the Revolution, the fund was diverted to educating negroes in the West Indies.

2 Pare of Mens Stockings 8s			2	
4 Pare of Womens Stockings.. 10½d....			3	6
	£3	18	7	
22 yds Dowlass	1	5	0	
	£5	3	7	
P Ct. for Excha & Charges	2	11	10	
	£7	16	5	
3 P knee buckles Cur as above		2		
	£7	17	5	
Notoway Quarter	30	18	2	
	£38	15	7	

Decree Taking Away the Brafferton Fund.[1]

Sir

We never took a Copy of the Chancelors Decree. It would have cost some Pounds. We have a Copy of the Minutes of the Decree which will probably answer your Purpose. I will thank you to return them as soon as you have taken a Copy. I am Sir, For Mr. Oddie & Self, Your obt. Servt,

JOHN FOSTER.

Carey Street.
16th March,
1796.

(Endorsed) Chancery Decree of England respecting the Brafferton Estate.